



Application No. 09/475,448

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : David Johnston Lynch
Application No. : 09/475,448
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Title : Ratings Control System with Temporary Override
Capability and Conflict Resolutions
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Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination of the above-identified application please enter the following amendments and consider the following comments. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination, a Request for a three month extension of time and the requisite fees. The Preliminary Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Office Action dated April 22, 2004 for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending response is July 22, 2004 was set in which to respond.

Applicants submitted in view of the filing of the Request for Continued Examination, Request for a three month extension of time, the requisite fees and attached Certificate of Mailing this response is timely.

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

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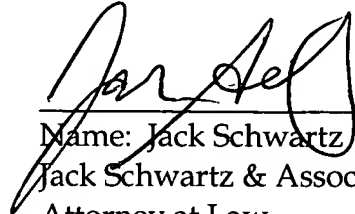


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